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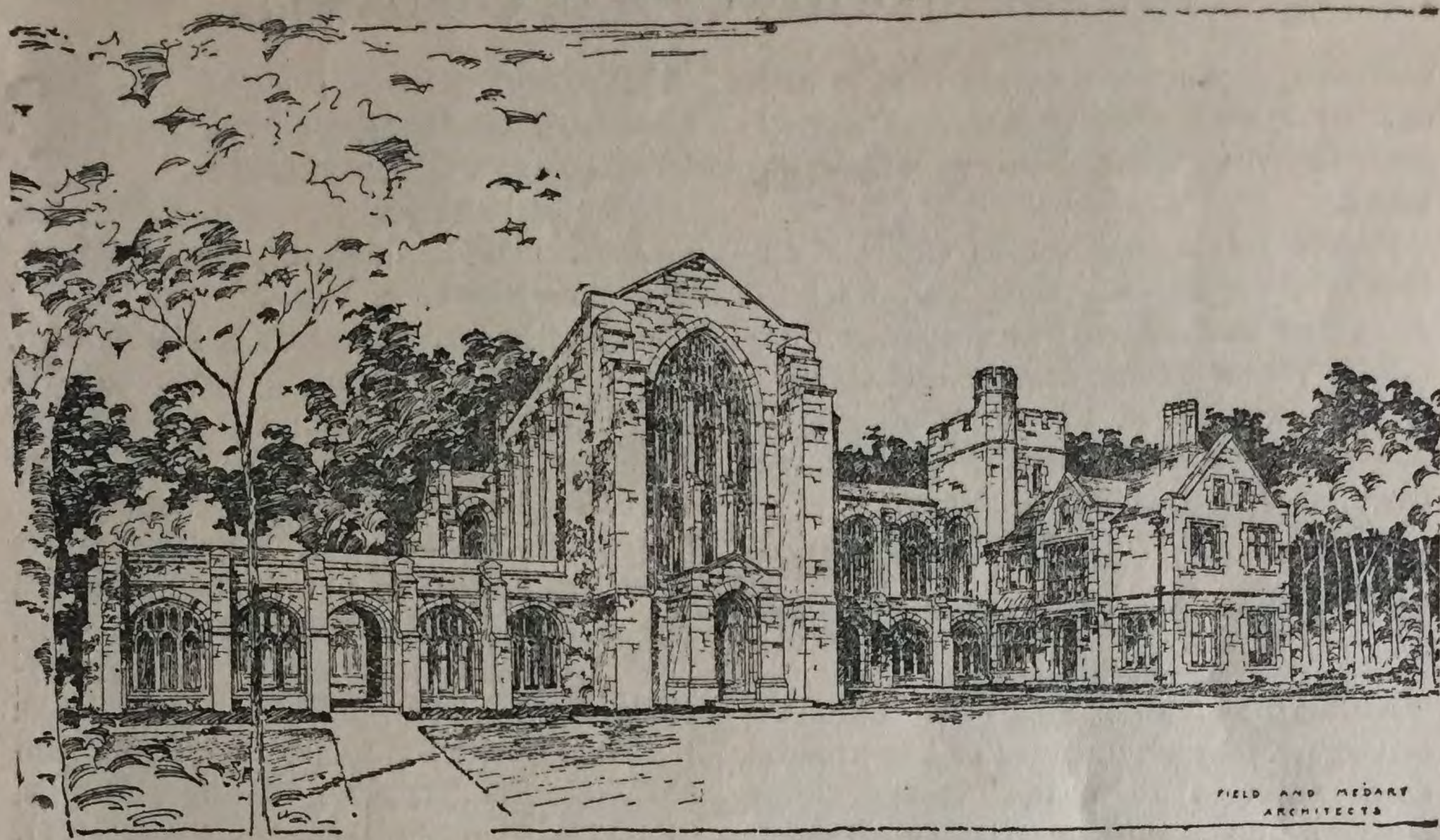

Cloister of the Colonies. Washington Memorial Chapel. Patriots' Hall. Tower and Rectory.

"No spot on earth—not the plains of Marathon, nor the passes of Sempach, nor the place of the Bastile, nor the dykes of Holland, nor the moors of England—is so sacred in the history of the struggle for human liberty as Valley Forge."

—CYRUS TOWNSEND BRADY.

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A New Year.

The Washington Chapel Chronicle, with this number, enters upon the second year of its work for Valley Forge. As we turn the pages of our first volume and recall their cordial reception by our readers we are encouraged to hope that our efforts this year will meet with no less commendation. Our effort will be to gather for patriots and historians, (and all true Americans must be both), the records and traditions inspired by the heroes of Valley Forge.

First and foremost among these records will, of course, be the Orderly Book whose publication in these pages makes us all debtors to the generosity and public spirit of Mr. George C. Thomas. Next to it we must place the Woodman Letters, for whose reprint in these pages we are indebted to the Norristown Herald Company. To these will be added copies of journals and letters bearing upon the period, as well as the monthly record of those events at Valley Forge, in Park and Chapel, which are a part of its history.

In this work we ask the co-operation of our readers. We invite their commu-

nications, and we will be gratified to have our attention called to items of importance in the local history of Valley Forge.

Finally, we appeal for an enlarged circulation, for by that alone can we hope to extend and deepen the patriotic interest in Valley Forge, and to make this a journal worthy of all it stands for in American life and thought,—a more real reverence for God and Country.

The Valley Forge Museum of American History.

Nothing at Valley Forge has been received with as much favor or has aroused more interest than the Valley Forge Museum of American History. That it will become one of the great institutions of the land there can be no doubt. Not only have there been many additions to it since the opening, but there are promises of many more.

In our next issue we hope to be able to announce the addition to the collection of one of the greatest Washington relics that can be brought to Valley Forge. Among the recent gifts are the following:

From Mr. Edwin F. Keen, of Philadelphia, a toaster, two broilers, two pothooks, and a large wrought iron fork, being the furnishings of an open-fire kitchen, and also a flax hackle.

From J. P. Hale Jenkins, Esq., of Norristown, a medal struck to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Evacuation of Valley Forge.

From Mr. William Rumford, an iron bridle ring found in the earth dug out in building the reproduction of the soldiers' hut.

From Mr. William E. Bennett, of Norristown, copies of "The Evening Telegraph," Philadelphia, for April 15, 21, 22 and 24, giving an account of the death and burial of Lincoln and "The Philadelphia Inquirer," Sept. 20, 1881, with an account of the death of Garfield.

From Miss Helen A. Crain, "The Log Cabin, Sept. 26, 1840"; "The Zanesville Gazette, Aug. 31, 1836"; "The Perfectionist, Putney, Vt., Sept. 21, 1844."

From Mrs. Sarah A. Molony, fire fan, made in 1800; a valentine, made in 1850; and "The Souvenir, Aug. 12, 1829."

Mr. William Whartenby, of Norristown, has given the Museum a stove, said to be fully 150 years old. It is a very quaint affair, and will be of great interest to the visitors to the Museum.

Mr. Wm. W. Potts, of Norristown, has given the following notes, most of which are in excellent condition: New Jersey, 1776, Three Shillings, No. ; Pennsylvania, 1773, Ten Shillings, No. 2209, 10,358; Fifteen Shillings, 7477; Sixteen Shillings, No. 211, 5859; Twenty Shillings, 333; 1775, Two Shillings, No. 10,492; 1777, Forty Shillings, No. 8722.

Mr. Edwin F. Keen, of Philadelphia, has given the following notes to increase the value of our collection: New Jersey, 1776, Six Shillings, No. 10756; Maryland, 1770, Six Dollars, No. 103408; Pennsylvania, 1769; Two Shillings, No. 14746; 1772, No. ; 1777, Six Pence, 139930.

Another spinning wheel has been added to our collection of household articles, the gift of Mrs. James A. Hibbs, of Norristown. To most people a spinning wheel is a spinning wheel, so it will be interesting to many to compare the two now in the Museum, and to note the differences between them. This one came to Mrs. Hibbs through the Boyer family.

Mr. George Carney, of Co. I, 51st Regiment, Veteran Volunteers, has given to the Museum the accoutrements worn by him in the Civil War. They consist of haversack, belt, cap box, cartridge box, bayonet and scabbard, bowie-knife and sheath. Mr. Carney wore these at the surrender of General Lee.

We have received several books for the Washington Memorial Library, of which acknowledgment will be made in the next number of the Chronicle.

The Pennsylvania Markers.

The following inscriptions have been placed on the markers on the site of the Pennsylvania Brigades by the Valley Forge Park Commission:

CONTINENTAL ARMY
VALLEY FORGE DECEMBER 19 1777 JUNE 18 1778
PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION
BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE
FIRST BRIGADE
COLONEL THOMAS HARTLEY
COMMANDING
1ST REGIMENT INFANTRY ..... COLONEL JAMES CHAMBERS
RAISED JULY 1 1776 MUSTERED OUT MARCH 3 1783
2ND REGIMENT INFANTRY ..... COLONEL HENRY BICKER
RAISED OCTOBER 25 1776 MUSTERED OUT MARCH 3 1785
7TH REGIMENT INFANTRY LIEUTENANT COLONEL DAVID GRIER
RAISED JANUARY 1 1777 MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 17 1781
10TH REGIMENT INFANTRY LIEUTENANT COLONEL ADAM HUBLEY
RAISED OCTOBER 25 1776 MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 17, 1781
HARTLEY'S ADDITIONAL REGIMENT OF INFANTRY
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MORGAN CONNOR RAISED JANUARY 11 1777
CONSOLIDATED WITH 11TH REGIMENT INFANTRY JANUARY 13, 1779

CONTINENTAL ARMY
VALLEY FORGE DECEMBER 19 1777 JUNE 18 1778
PENNSYLVANIA DIVISION
BRIGADIER GENERAL ANTHONY WAYNE
SECOND BRIGADE
LIEUTENANT WILLIAM BUTLER
COMMANDING
4TH REGIMENT INFANTRY LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM BUTLER
RAISED JANUARY 11 1777 MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 3 1783
5TH REGIMENT INFANTRY COLONEL FRANCIS JOHNSTON
RAISED JANUARY 1 1777 MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 1 1783
8TH REGIMENT INFANTRY COLONEL DANIEL BRODHEAD
RAISED JULY 20 1776 MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 17 1781
11TH REGIMENT INFANTRY COLONEL RICHARD HAMPTON
RAISED OCTOBER 25 1776
CONSOLIDATED WITH 10TH REGIMENT INFANTRY JUNE 24 1778

Valley Forge Excursions.

The Reading Railway Company has issued an illustrated folder on Valley Forge which will play a large part in the future development of this Mecca of American pilgrims. While the folder is intended to advertise the company's excursions, it has a real educational value. It is a history, a guide book and a call to patriotism and patriotic Americans will appreciate this work for the good it will do. It is well illustrated and printed and may be had for the asking at any station of the Reading Railway system. The company is offering very low rates to parties of 25 or more.

The Centennial Association Tablet.

At the time of the celebration of Washington's Birthday at the Chapel, when the Museum of American History and the Wood-Washington memorial pulpit, lectern and perclose were being added to the objects of interest at Valley Forge, there was placed on the walls of Washington's Headquarters a bronze tablet commemorating the services of the Valley Forge Memorial Association in saving this house for the American people. This is a well deserved tribute to patriotism and salf-sacrifice on the part of those men and women who, by their deeds, proved themselves possessed of the true Valley Forge spirit. The tablet is made of statuary bronze, cast by Bureau Brothers, of Philadelphia. It has been placed on the left hand wall of the entrance hall. The inscription is as follows:

THIS TABLET COMMEMORATES
THE PATRIOTIC SERVICE RENDERED BY
THE CENTENNIAL AND MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
OF VALLEY FORGE
GENEROUSLY AIDED BY THE
PATRIOTIC ORDER SONS OF AMERICA
IN ACQUIRING, RESTORING AND PRESERVING
THIS HEADQUARTERS
1878—1906

A congregational meeting of the Washington Memorial Chapel was held in the parish building, Wednesday, April 14, 1909. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Francis T. H. Finn. Mrs. Chas. Walker was elected secretary. Mr. Quigg, the treasurer, reported a slight deficit in the treasury. The following resolution was adopted: Resolved, "That the vestry of All Saints' Church, Norristown, be requested, when notified by treasurer of the Endowment Fund that that fund has reached $1500, to invest the said amount in a good first mortgage on approved real estate and to execute a deed of trust transferring the same to the Trustees of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the interest to be paid to the Treasurer of the Mission for the maintenance of the same." Mr. Burk spoke of the burial ground proposition and on motion it was resolved "That a cemetery would be an advantage to the Chapel, and a meeting be called for Saturday afternoon following at 2 o'clock to decide the question of purchasing the land." After prayer by the Rector the meeting adjourned.

The regular monthly meeting of the Guild was held at the parish house on Thursday, April 1st. Fourteen members were present. One new member was enrolled. The usual order of business followed. The most important business before the meeting was the completion of the plans for the choir entertainment on April 17th and the question of the Easter decorations. The Guild adjourned to meet at the parish house, Wednesday, May 5th.

This is the first number of the new year of the Chronicle and in the preparation for the Easter festival it is very easy for the renewal of the subscription to have escaped one's memory. Will you kindly send subscriptions, name and address to the Editor, Miss Emma W. Crawford, Devon, Pa., as soon as possible, in order that the mailing list may be complete and no errors nor delays occur?

Have you renewed your subscription to the Chronicle?

Washington Memorial Chapel,
Valley Forge, Pa.

THE REV. W. HERBERT BURK
MINISTER IN CHARGE,
ALL SAINTS RECTORY, NORRISTOWN.
THE REV. FRANCIS T. H. FINN
ASSISTANT,
PORT KENNEDY.

Mr. Frank Quigg, Treasurer,
Port Kennedy, Pa.

Mr. Leslie Jefferis,
Treasurer of the Building Fund,
Bridgeport, Pa.

William Rumford, Sexton.

Sundays.

2.30 P. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3.45 P. M. Service and Sermon.

Second Sunday of the month, 10.30 A. M. Service, Sermon and Holy Communion.

Stewart Fund Hall
Sundays.

10.00 A. M. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

11.00 A. M. Service and Sermon.

Calendar.

APRIL.

17. 2 P. M. Congregational Meeting.
    2 P.M. Entertainment of the Choir.
18. First Sunday after Easter.
22. 2 P. M. Fair at Valley Forge.
23. 2 P M. Fair at Valley Forge.
    2 P. M. Rummage Sale at Port Kennedy.
24. 2 P. M. Fair at Valley Forge.
    2 P. M. Rummage Sale at Port Kennedy.
25. Second Sunday after Easter.

MAY.

1. St. Philip and St. James. 10 A. M. Holy Communion.
   6 P. M. Supper by the Bartram Club.
2. Third Sunday after Easter.
4. 10 A. M. Service in Christ Church, Philadelphia, beginning the 125th Anniversary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.
5. 2 P. M. Meeting of the Washington Chapel Guild.
9. Fourth Sunday after Easter.

Honor Roll for March.

The names of those missing no session of the Sunday School through the month of March follow:

Bible Class—Mr. E. T. Boggs, teacher; Mrs. Fulton, Mrs. Warriner, Mrs. Pechin.

Class No. 2, Girls' Class—Miss A. W. Pechin, teacher; Alva Andrews, Rose Cutler, Mary Garner, Martha Andrews, Eleanor Andrews, Lulu Fulton, Elizabeth Fulton, Hilda Bean.

Boys' Class, No. 3—Rev. F. T. H. Finn, teacher; John Hughes, David Beynon, Charles Gebhardt, Willie Stephens, Francis Hampton, Corson Stephens, John Colgan, Ernest Stabler, Aleck Stephens.

Infant Class, Miss M. S. Stephens, teacher.

AN EASTER GIFT.

New Jersey State Society Presented $100 to the Washington Memorial Chapel.

The New Jersey State Society, Daughters of the Revolution, of which Miss Adaline W. Stirling is the regent, made an Easter gift of $100 to the Washington Memorial Chapel. This announcement was made by the Rev. Francis T. H. Finn at the service on Easter morning. The money will be used either to provide some of the altar furnishings or else a replica of one of the battle flags of the Revolution. These flags will form a part of the permanent decoration of the chapel and will be among its most interesting memorials.

The Easter services at the chapel were inspiring. The congregations were the largest in the history of the mission, and many spent the whole day at the chapel, taking advantage of the accommodations provided in the buildings

now erected. The Rev. Mr. Finn had charge of all the services and preached an appropriate sermon. At the offertory at the morning service Miss Grace R. Pugh and Miss Margaret Bomberger of the All Saints' girl choir, sang a duet. Miss Mary S. Stephens was the organist.

The two Sunday schools united in the Easter festival in the afternoon, when the music was in charge of Mr. Harry E. Kratz. Mr. Edward T. Boggs, one of the Bible class teachers and a most active worker in the mission, made the address. Each member of the school received a potted plant, and these with the beautiful floral decorations of the new chancel, provided by Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tindle, made such a scene of beauty that it will long be remembered. There were 165 officers, teachers and scholars present at the festival.

The services of the day concluded with evening service in the Stewart Fund Hall, at King-of-Prussia, at which the Rev. Mr. Finn officiated. Mr. Edward T. Boggs made the address.

The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Diocese of Pennsylvania.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania has published a most attractive booklet, in which the story of its 125 years of effort for the building up of the Kingdom of God is briefly but effectively told. If the other parts of the anniversary celebration equal this in inspiration and hope, the Diocese will enter upon a new era of usefulness.

Among the objects for which the Thank Offering of $125,000 is to be raised is the Washington Memorial Chapel. The first page of the cover is adorned most fittingly with a cut of Christ Church, that cradle of American Churchmanship, and no less fittingly there has been placed on the last page the cut of the Washington Memorial Chapel.

The other illustrations are: St. Peter's Church, Old St. Paul's, the home now of the City Mission; the first prayer in Congress, Bishop White, Bishop Whitaker and Bishop Mackay-Smith.

The Memorial Arches.

That the Government has done so little for Valley Forge is a source of deep regret. That it has failed to appropriate the money asked by the Valley Forge Park Commission for Memorial Arches is no fault of the Honorable Irving P. Wanger, who has devoted his time, thought and means to secure these memorial entrances. His presentation of the claims of Valley Forge to the generous consideration of the Nation has not been in vain, and as a result of his efforts the appropriation will undoubtedly be made by the next Congress.

The Collection of Pictures in Patriots' Hall.

On the morning the Museum was opened there was hung the most important picture owned by the Chapel, "Baron Steuben, at Valley Forge, 1777," painted by A. G. Heaton, and reproduced by Blechinger & Seykauf, Vienna. The scene is laid back of the Headquarters, and Steuben is represented drilling a squad of recruits, whose bleeding feet redden the snow-covered ground. Washington and a group of officers stand in the foreground watching the troops, while Mrs. Washington and others stand near the log kitchen.

The first gift of a picture was that of a large engraving of Bishop White, presented by her sisters in memory of the late Mrs. I. Heston Todd. This was followed by the gift from Miss Lilla S. Pechin, of Philadelphia, of the framed pictures, as follows: "Library and Surgeon's Hall in Fifth street, Philadelphia," "Fairman's Mansion and Treaty Tree," "The Rt. Rev. William White, D. D.," and "The Old Water Works."

Dr. Alfred H. Read, of Norristown, has given a rare old lithograph of more than usual local interest. It was printed in 1840 by Huddy & Duval, of Philadelphia, and is entitled, "Camp Wayne, Pennsylvania Volunteer Encampment on the Paoli Battle Ground, Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 1840." A note on the plate says "The above plate represents 1200 men—consisting of Cavalry, Infantry and Riflemen, on the 21st of Sept., 1840, at 12 meridian, as they were passing the 'grave of the murdered victims, in funeral order,' after having been reviewed by the Governor."

The interesting lithograph of the "Death of Harrison," given by Mrs. Harry McCrea, Norristown, was described in a recent issue of the Chronicle.

Mr. Joseph Frantz, of Jeffersonville, has given another lithograph, printed in 1856 by John S. Magee, representing "The Dreadful Accident on the North Pennsylvania Railroad."

The Rev. Mr. Burk has given the following engravings, framed: "Washington Reading Prayers in His Camp," "Valley Forge, With Washington and Lafayette," "Baron Steuben Introducing Lafayette to Silas Deane," "Washington's First Interview With Mrs. Custis," "Brigr. Gen'l Anthony Wayne," "Washington in 1775," "Major General Baron Steuben," and "James Monroe."

Mrs. Harry C. Carney has given three small engravings on cards of Generals Scott, McClellan and Burnside, framed together.

The pictures make a creditable beginning of what in time should be a notable collection of pictures illustrating American history. This is a picture loving age, and in almost every household older pictures are relegated to unused rooms, dark corners, or even closets, to make room for the new favorites. By themselves these discarded pictures have little value, but in connection with a collection they gain in importance. Look over your pictures and see what you can add to the Valley Forge collection.

THE PATRIOTS' HALL.

The Founders' Certificates.

Mary E. M. Maxwell, Easton, Pa..	$1 00
Elizabeth H. Kirkpatrick, Easton, Pa.	1 00
Carrie F. H. Sherrerd, Easton, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Francis T. Howell, Philadelphia	1 00
Margaret H. Crawford, Philadelphia	2 00
Sarah P. Baham, Philadelphia ...	2 00
Mrs. Isabella Little, Philadelphia.	1 00
Mrs. Frederick Ahbe, Athens, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Robert Alexander, Philadelphia	1 00
Charles R. Alexander, Philadelphia	1 00
Mrs. Samuel A. Ammon, Pittsburg, Pa.	1 00
Elizabeth W. De Armond, Merion, Pa.	2 00
Mrs. Allen E. Perley, Williamsport, Pa.	1 00
Mrs. Sarah Burrows Coryell Hays, Williamsport, Pa.	1 00
Mary Farra Tempest Twaddell, Woodbury Heights, N. J.	1 00
Morris Matthew Lee, Philadelphia	1 00
Mrs. Horace A. Beale, Parkesburg, Pa.	1 00
Anna Augusta Bennett, Wilkes-Barre, Pa	1 00
George Ridley Yarrow, Philadelphia	1 00
Mrs. George Ridley Yarrow, Philadelphia	1 00
Mrs. William Ferris Aull, Pasadena, Cal.	2 00
Elizabeth S. H. Blanton, Philadelphia	1 00
Sarah Ludlow Chapter, D. A. R., Seymour, Conn.	5 00
Thomas Johnson Chapter, D. A. R., Baltimore, Md.	5 00
Augustine A. Bell, Reading, Pa....	1 00
Mary A. Bates, Philadelphia	1 00
Catherine L. Deetz, Philadelphia..	1 00

Mary P. Allen, Philadelphia	1 00
Milwaukee Chapter, D. A. R., Milwaukee, Wis.	5 00
Emma F. Rihl, Philadelphia	1 00
Mrs. A. Lincoln Acker, Philadelphia.	1 00
George Washington Chapter, D. A. R., Galveston, Texas	5 00
General Nathaniel Greene Chapter, D. A. R., East Greenwich, R. I..	5 00
Helen A. Kellogg, Philadelphia...	1 00
Sallie M. Andrews, Pittston, Pa...	1 00
Frances Dighton Williams Chapter, D. A. R., Bangor, Me.	5 00
Mary J. A. Ronaldson, Philadelphia.....	1 00
Henrietta G. Ronaldson, Philadelphia	1 00
Rosalie Smith, Philadelphia.....	1 00
Jonathan Dayton Chapter, D. A. R., Dayton, O.....	5 00
Kansas City Chapter, D. A. R. Kansas City, Mo.....	5 00
Cincinnati Chapter, D. A. R., Cincinnati, O.....	5 00
John Bell Chapter, D. A. R., Madison, Wis.....	5 00
Fanueil Hall Chapter, D. A. R., Wakefield, Mass.....	5 00
Chicago Chapter, D. A. R., Chicago, Ill.	5 00
Jane Douglass Chapter, D. A. R., Dallas, Texas	5 00
	$102 00
Previously reported	294 00
	$396 00

Work on the grounds in front of the Headquarters is progressing rapidly, and soon a lawn will occupy the site of the old mill. It would be interesting to mark the site of the grist mill which was such a large factor in the history of Valley Forge. It must have been close to the railroad, as it was destroyed by sparks from a locomotive.

A Washington Catechism.

In response to the appeal for offerings on the twenty-first of February, we received about $600 for the Building Fund. Among those interested was the Rev. Charles A. Jessup, D. D., Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Greenport, L. I. To make the offering of real educational benefit to the children of his parish, Dr. Jessup prepared the following catechism and drilled his scholars in it. He has very kindly consented to its use in the extension of the work of the Chapel, and copies of it may be obtained from the Rev. Mr. Burk.

CATECHISM.

Washington as a Churchman.

BY THE REVEREND CHARLES A. JESSUP, D. D.

1. Who was George Washington? Ans. Our first President.

2. When was he born? Ans. February 22, 1732.

3. Where was he born? Ans. In Westmoreland County, Virginia.

4. Was he baptized? Ans. Yes, as an infant by the rector of the parish.

5. Was he confirmed? Ans. No. There were no bishops in America in those days.

6. Was he admitted to Holy Communion? Ans. Yes.

7. Was he a sponsor? Ans. Yes, when 16 years old.

8. Was he a church goer? Ans. Yes, he was a regular and devout worshipper.

9. Was he a vestryman? Ans. Yes, in Truro Parish, Virginia.

10. Did he ever act as chaplain to his troops? Ans. Yes, very often.

11. Where did he attend church services in New York? Ans. At St. Paul's Chapel, Trinity Parish.

12. Where in Philadelphia? Ans. In Old Christ Church.

13. How was he once pointed out to a visitor to Congress? Ans. "Washing-

ton is the gentleman who always kneels during prayer."

14. What did his rector once say of him? Ans. "I have never seen so constant an attendant at church as Washington."

15. Where is the Washington Memorial Chapel? Ans. At Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

Pews of the Patriots.

The Colonel Clement Biddle Pew and the Reverend Robert Blackwell Pew are almost completed and will be very soon placed in the Chapel, making eleven of the twenty-five pews. Another has been ordered, and there are two others reserved.

The Valley Forge Fair will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 22, 23 and 24, in one of Mr. Cutler's houses close by the Valley Forge Inn. Mrs. John L. Hoy has planned this venture and in her work she has been ably supported by our loyal members in and around Valley Forge. The purpose of the fair is to increase the building fund. Last summer Mrs. Hoy held a most successful lawn fete for the same purpose, and there is no question as to the success of the Valley Forge Fair. The fair will open at two o'clock each afternoon, and there will be an attractive array of fancy articles, as well as bread, cake and candy made by our experts in baking.

A fair and a rummage sale on the same days! This is surely an evidence of the vigor of our mission and shows that our people have a mind to work. We await with interest the results of this friendly rivalry in the cause so dear to us all.

Owing to the illness of the Honorable Wilfred Powell, the British Consul, it has been impossible to publish his address in this number. On behalf of his many friends at the Chapel, we wish him a speedy recovery and assure him of both our sympathy and prayers.

Woodman's Valley Forge.

LETTER III.

July 3, 1850.

In my last it was mentioned, that during a part of the Revolution, owing to the destruction of property and other causes, the manufactory of iron at this place was for a while suspended This destruction of property was owing to the burning of the Valley Forge, or, rather the buildings of all kinds connected with the establishment, by a detachment of British soldiers, under the command of Col. Grey; the destroying of timber necessary for manufacturing purposes and the subsequent unsettled state of the country during the war. Every person who is acquainted with the history of our country, and particularly of the Revolution, knows that this was indeed a gloomy period of its existence, as some yet living can testify. Struggling against an army of superior numbers, well disciplined and well furnished with every necessary to carry on the war with vigor, in punishing and bringing into subjection, a people whom they considered their rebellious subjects —every means was resorted to to compel obedience to their authority; and to reduce, and if possible, crush our veteran troops, who were destitute of almost all the necessaries of life, poorly fed, more poorly clothed, and still more poorly sheltered from the inclemency of the weather. I have often heard my father, who was one of the number, describe the situation of himself and companions in arms, who after a fatiguing and forced march during an inclement day, many of them in this destitute condition, suffering from cold and hunger, and leaving the ground over which they marched, marked with the blood that flowed from their almost naked feet. In this situation, when night had overtaken them, they have laid down on the bare ground, with no other canopy but the shades of night, with their knapsacks for pillows; and wrapping them-

selves in their blankets, they have lain down, and awoke covered with snow.

This was the particular situation of our army during the years 1776 and 1777; and it was near the close of the last year, as mentioned in my first letter, that part of the army, with the commander-in-chief, retired into winter quarters at Valley Forge. Every movement of the Continental army was watched with the keenest scrutiny, and such was the unsettled state of the colonists at that period, that in many places the parties in favor of one or the other of the contending parties were so nearly balanced, that they might be compared to a pair of nicely adjusted scales—the addition of a very small matter would cause one or the other to have the preponderance. Previous to the American army encamping at the place, and while the possession of the city of Philadelphia, during the ensuing winter, by either party was uncertain, the Valley Forge was selected as a suitable place for the depository of the military stores, arms and ammunition, and the provisions belonging to the Continental army. The selection was made on account of its secluded situation and distance from the supposed route of the British army under General Howe, in its march, from the Chesapeake Bay, to form a junction with Gen. Burgoyne, who, with the army under his command, were on their route from Canada by way of the Lakes, to get possession of the city of Philadelphia in their march; and, as it was also believed by many, that they had this place in view for winter quarters, in case the enemy succeeded in getting possession of the city of Philadelphia, believing the inhabitants in that section of the country, were less loyal than those in some other places, and that they generally favored the American cause.

However correct this last position may have been in general, and however patriotic the most of them might have been; yet from this there were some exceptions. It must be acknowledged that there were some, though not in the immediate vicinity of the place, or residing in that portion of the country which I mean particularly to describe—ready to convey the information to the enemy; and one, if not more, who acted as pilot to conduct a detachment of the British army to the place, who succeeded in destroying the most of the buildings belonging to the manufacturing establishment, and such part of the stores, arms, ammunitions, and provisions, as had not been hastily removed to the opposite side of the river Schuylkill.

At the time of the conflagration, the manufacturing of iron at the place was carried on by a person, who will occupy a conspicuous place in this account, named William Dewees, in connexion with some members of the Potts family. Whether he at this time owned any part of the real estate or not, I cannot say. He was then married to his second wife, his former one having been a Potts; but whether or not, a sister of Isaac and David Potts, mentioned in my last letter, I have never fully informed myself. It was in part owing to this marriage connexion that William Dewees, in his lifetime, founded a claim on government, for damages for losses sustained by the burning of Valley Forge, by the British; and about nine years after his death, was successfully prosecuted by his widow and some of his heirs; which I merely hint at here, as I shall probably enter more into its details in some future communications. His second wife was the daughter of a wealthy and respectable inhabitant, named Thomas Waters, residing in the Great Valley, about two miles east of the place—of whom some notice will be taken hereter.

William Dewees was at the time a colonel of the Continental militia, and served a campaign in the field during the war of the Revolution. Owing to

the commission and rank he held in the army, he was rendered particularly obnoxious to the enemy; and they, of course, resorted to every means in their power, to harass and if possible to take him prisoner. On this account the place of the depository for the military stores at Valley Forge, was strongly opposed by Col. Dewees (as he will henceforth be called), and his wife, they being almost certain that the buildings would be destroyed, on account of his connextion with the army, and of course, it could not be a safe depositry for them. The sequel proved the soundness of their views. In my next I shall resume the subject.

A VALLEY FORGE ORDERLY BOOK

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Oppinion that his Sufferings in the Provost have sufficiently punished him for the Crime, & do direct that he be discharged from thence.———

The Honorable the Continental Congress Have Resolved That the Commander in Chief be directed to Inform; & he does hereby Inform the Brave officers & Soldiers of the Continental Army now in Camp. . . that as the Situation of the Enemy has Rendered it necessary for the Army to take posts in a Part of the Country not provided with Houses & in Consequence Thereof to reside in Hutts; The Congress approving their Soldierly patience, Fidelity & Zeal in the Cause of their Country, directs One Months extraordinary pay to be Given to Each and that Congress are exerting themselves to Remedy the Inconveniences which the Army has lately Experienc'd from the deffects of the Commissarys & Clothiers Departmt. That after the 1st day of January 1nst The Commissary Genl of Purchase is from time to Time to Compute the Cost of Each part of a Ration Agreeable to the Prime cost of the Several Articles Composing the Same & by this Estimate the Issuing Commissaries are to Govern themselves Instead of that Made in the 38th Article of the Commissaries Regulations passed By Congress the 10th June last.—And further that the Genl should recommend & he does Strongly Recommend the officers of the army to draw such a part of their Rations only, As may be Necessary for their Respective Subsistence.———And to Receive the Residue in Money at the Estimate Cost aforesaid.—Untill the difficulties ariseing from the Present Oeficiency in the Commissary's Department Shall be Removed.—Second Brigade of Lord Stirlings Division have permission to discharge their arms To-morrow Morning at Roll Call.———

Head Quarters Valley Forge, Jany 4th, 1778.

Major Genl..Tomorrow..Marquess de Fayette
Brigadier do....do .....Varnum
Field officers..Major Allison Major Taylor
Brigadier Major... .....Learned

As fast as the men Go into the Hutts the Tents are to be Return'd Immediately to the Quarter Master Genl the Commanding officers of Regiaments will see this performed. The Brigadiers will also pay proper attention to it, & the officers of Companies will be Answerable for those which have been delivered to them.—The Commander in Chief is Thus Pointed because he is Informed that Some Tents have been allready Cutt up by Soldiers & disposed off, & Because all the Tents which now are Good & Can be Repair'd Will be Indispensably necessary next Campaign. —As fast as the Tents come into the Quarter Mastr Genls hands He is to have them Washed thoroughly repaired & Stored Makeing a Return of the Whole & the Quality of them.

By order of Congress no officer is allowed to Hold Two Commissions in the Army. The Commanding officers of Companies & Regiments are to pay

Strict Attention to this order in making out their Muster Rolls.

A General Court Martial is to set Tomorrow Morning at Nine OClock at the Bake House, for the Tryal of all prisoners that shall be brought before them.—Colo. Swift President, A Capt from each Brigade. (Those of Genl Waynes Devision excepted) will compose The Members of the Court. One Orderly Serjent from Each Devision is to attend the Court.—

Head Quarters Valley Forge Jany 5th. 1778.

Major Genl of the day... .... DeKalb
Brigadier..... ..... Huntington
Field officers.....Lt De Hart & Major
Brigade Major.....Kelley.——

At a General Court Martial held the first Inst Whereof Colo Seamel was president appeared. Dunham Ford Commissary in Genl Greens division, Charged with Theft; the Court haveing Considered the Charge and the Evidence are of Oppinion that Dunham Ford is Guilty of the Charge Exhibited Against him; and do sentence Him to pay Mr. Spencer & Mr. Holloway Two Hundred Dollars; & that after he shall procure a Certificate from The aforesaid Gentlemen of the payment of the above sum He be brought from the Provost Gaurd Mounted on A Horse back foremost without a Saddle, his Coat Turned wrong side Out, his hands tied behind him & he be Drumed Out of the Army, (never more to Return) by all the Drummers of the devision in which he belongs; And That the above Sentence be published in the News Papers.——— The Commander in Chief Approves the sentence & orders it to be put in Execution.

The officers commanding Corps which furnished Seamen To the Galleys in the Dellaware are to make Enquiry & report To the Adjutant Genl whither or not they have Join'd their Corps Again. The Commissaries are without delay to provide Soap to be Issued to the Troops. Soft Soap is to be provided if hard Soap cannot be Obtained.

Pursuant to a Resolve of Congress of the first Instant.—The Commanding officers of the Continental Regiements Now in Camp are to make in Immediately exact Returns of the officers & Soldiers in their Respective Regiements; To the paymasters thereof; to prevent any Imposition In the payment of the One Months pay Extraordinary wch Congress in their Resolve of the 30th of December last have Ordered to be Given to the Brave officers & Soldiers of the Continental Army on Acct of their Soldiery patience Fedility & Zeal in Hutting & as expressed in the said Resolve.

The daily Guards are to be peraded in the Morning Precisely at 9 OClock of which the Officers of the day and Brigade Majors will Notice.

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The Valley Forge Park Commission has removed the old reservoir built by the Reading Railroad Company. When it was built the workmen discovered a large number of gun flints, some of which are in the Museum. They were covered by a pewter plate.

The annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Convocation of Norristown will be held at the Chapel on Thursday, May 20th. All members of our congregation are most cordially invited to be present. Service in the Chapel at 11 a. m. The address will be made by the Rev. Mr. Burk.

Love is like a painter who, in drawing the picture of a friend having a blemish in one eye, would picture only the other side of the face.—South.